

# Press Release

## HARFORD COUNTY GOVERNMENT

### Department of Community Services



#### PUBLIC SAFETY

"Ensuring a Safe  
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#### EDUCATION

"Preparing Now,  
Building for the Future"

#### EFFICIENCY IN GOVERNMENT

"Governing Smarter"

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"Growing and Sustaining  
Harford's Prosperity"

#### ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

"Protecting Our  
Environment"

#### QUALITY LIVING

"Safeguarding What is  
Important to Harford  
County Citizens"

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## Havre de Grace Mayor Supports Journey Stories

(Havre de Grace, MD) - - "We are thrilled to have *Journey Stories* featured right here in Harford County – and Havre de Grace in particular," stated Wayne H. Dougherty, Mayor, Havre de Grace. "We have a rich and diverse history and *Journey Stories* allows everyone to freely access that history in an engaging and interactive way."

Havre de Grace's rich history began with its settlement in 1658. Over the years Havre de Grace has thrived in water commerce, received national attention for its thoroughbred racing, and has enjoyed its status as an Historic as well as an Arts and Entertainment District.

"Money and Migration: Population and the County Economy" is featured at the Havre de Grace Activity Center through July 6 and focuses on how changing economies, innovations, and global factors have influenced the business of Harford County and its populations. Visitors will discover how women at work, the rise of techopolis and factory successes and failures have brought people in and out of the County over the years.

"*Journey Stories*" is about celebrating and honoring the history of Harford County and the State of Maryland," stated County Executive David Craig. "History helps to broaden perspectives and understanding and 'Journey Stories' will prove to be an invaluable resource to our community– we are grateful to the Maryland Humanities Council for choosing Harford County as one of the five locations statewide to be hosting this exciting exhibit and would like to thank the Harford County Historical Society, Inc. for the research and source information for our exhibits," continued Craig.

*Journey Stories*, a national Smithsonian exhibit which explores tales of how we and our ancestors came to America, came to Harford County on May 11 and will run through July 6, 2012 through a partnership between the Harford County Department of Community Services and the Harford County Public Libraries.

*Journey Stories* has featured exhibitions on the history of Harford County, trains and the building of Bel Air, the journey of food in America, and the Underground Railroad, to name just a few, at many library branches and activity centers throughout the county. Besides the exhibitions, *Journey Stories* brought author and speaker, genealogy, and film series to the county.

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For more information about the *Journey Stories* presentations and exhibits taking place, visit: <http://hcplonline.org/programs/js.cfm>.

*Journey Stories* is part of The Museum on Main Street, a collaboration between the Smithsonian Institution and the Maryland Humanities Council. The exhibition and accompanying programs are offered to the public through a partnership between the Harford County Department of Community Services and Harford County Public Library.

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“Preserving Harford’s past; promoting Harford’s future”